Benefits of increments to Pensioners

2548. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired Government employees are at present entitled to draw a monthly pension just half of the minimum of pay of the post which they hold last;

(b) whether it is also fact that the retired Government employees in this way are denied the increments which they have drawn in the post which they hold last;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to grant the benefit of increments to the retired employees and by when it would be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STAE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 the entitlement of monthly pension admissible to retiring Government employees is determined on the basis of average emoluments drawn during the last 10 months of his service as also the number of completed years of qualifying sevice. On completing qualifying service of 33 years, a retiring Government employee becomes entitled to full pension @ 50% of average emoluments. However if a Government servant retires after completing qualifying service of 10 years but before completing qualifying service of 33 years, the amount of pension is proportionately reduced. With effect from 1.1.1996 the amount of full pension in no case shall be less than 50% of the minimum of the revised scale of pay introduced w.e.f. 1.1.1996 for the post last held by the employee at the time to his retirement. However, in no case the minimum pension admissible shall be less than Rs. 1275/-p.m.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Medical allowances of Pensioners

2549. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sinnce decided that pensioners of Central Government to whom CGHS facalities are neither available nor extended would be paid an allowance @ Rs. 100/- p.m.;

(b) if so, the date from which it has been made admissible and paid; and

(c) whether it is admissible ipso facto, to the pensioners of Instrumentalities of Central Government e.g. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) The Government have issued orders to grant medical allowance @ Rs. 100/- p.m. to the Civilian Central Government Pensioners\family pensioners residing in area not covered by Central Government Health Scheme or any corresponding health schemes administered by other Ministries\Departments for their retired employees, for meeting expenditure on day-to-day medical expenses that do not require hospitalisation.

(b) The orders are effective from 1.12.1997.

(c) The pensioners of autonomous bodies like Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, are not Central Government Pensioners and therefore, these orders are no automatically applicable to them.

Administrative Reforms as Enunciated in the National Agenda for Governance

2550. MISS SAROJ KAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a time-bound programme of needed administrative reforms, included those for the police and other civil services as enunciated in the National Agenda for Governance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and